

March 21, 2006

Director
Land Reclamation Program
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102



Re: Proposed surface mine

Dear Director

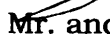
This is the second letter we are sending to your office in regard to the proposed surface mining by Fischer Quarry and Hauling, LLC on the 24 acres of property located in Ste. Genevieve County, on Highway 61, near Bloomsdale, Missouri.

There are several issues to be addressed including safety, livelihood, and personal property, as well as the detrimental impact this operation will have on those living thought-out the area this mine will affect.

Our adamant disapproval of this quarry being operated at this location continues and we request to be represented at a formal hearing of the commission on May 25th in Jefferson City, MO pursuant to your letter dated March 15, 2006. Both my wife and I will be present for this hearing along with legal representation.

I am enclosing the first letter submitted to your office concerning this proposed quarry.

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 **Mr. and** Mrs. Norman S. Bell
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Cc: Governor Matt Blunt
Senator Kevin Engler
Representative Wes Wagner

January 9, 2006

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Dear Director,

Our neighbors Mr. and Mrs. James Williams have recently given us a copy of the "*Public Notification Letter, Permit Expansion*" in regards to Fischer Quarry and Hauling, LLC starting operation of a surface mine on 24 acres of property located in Ste. Genevieve County, Section 03, Township 38N, Range 7E of the State of Missouri.

We, speaking for my wife, are extremely displeased with the actions of your office in allowing this permit to be issued.

The action of your office in the issuing of this permit underscores your inability to comprehend the effects on the neighborhood by allowing this operation of the surface mining. Further, your office in no way has contemplated the over usage of private roadways to homes in the close proximity of the proposed location of this quarry.

The effects to the homes, and school that surround the proposed site has needless to say, not been addressed. There are approximately thirteen (13) homes, not including the owner of the said property, and Bloomsdale grade school that is also in close proximity to the location of the surface quarry. This does not include the home that has recently been built in the "Deer Crossing" subdivision let alone the others located in the same area or subdivision.

Further, as a landowner of TRACT III, and V, the roadway to the proposed site which cuts through my property will adversely deteriorate the properties original purpose in giving "right of **way**" to homes that were to be built. In no way was the original intent of the roadway for commercial usage, let alone heavy trucks and earth moving equipment.

The blasting of the rock material and the effect it will have on the housing which surrounds the quarry is of concern. The issue of the 'Public Notification Letter' was only sent to the adjoining properties, but will have an ill effect on all the properties in the area surrounding of the proposed site. I believe this notification was given without the ability of a person who has the capability of

understanding all the implications of the issuance of the permit to the homes and individuals this quarry will have now and in the future.

By the issuance of this permit it shows again how inept the government has become (county, state and federal) in the ability to represent the majority of people verses the interests of a select few.

Further, by the issuing of this permit it shows an inability on the DNR to put the neighborhood's welfare at a higher priority than the people who applied for this permit. This permit was given without any consideration to the community that is surrounding the proposed site.

We therefore, request you deny this permit for the proposed quarry located on the 24 acres of land, in Ste. Genevieve County, Section 3, Township 38N, Range 7E, operated and applied for by Mr. Francis Fischer, Fischer Quarry and Hauling, LLC 25501 St. Rt. Z, St. Mary, MO 63673. It is also recommended that the original owner of the above named property be barred from further attempts to have this land processed in a mining operation, of any kind due to the fact of the irreparable consequences such actions would have to the community.

Also, it is recommended your office in the future consider all the implications your decision(s) will have on property and individuals who try to improve the way of life, not only personally by collectively as citizens of this State of Missouri, and our County of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

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